

NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 38

30 August 1949

1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton	State
Lt. Col. Ruwet	Army
Lt. Col. Conner	Army
Cdr. Howell	Navy
Lt. Cdr. Nutt	Navy
Maj. Belongia	Air Force
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2. It was announced that the name of the country heretofore known as "Transjordan" has been officially changed to "Jordan"; and it was stated that, because base maps and chapter covers have been printed with the name "Transjordan" and several NIS sections using that name have been published, it would be difficult to change the name in NIS at this time. The Army member stated that, in ID, the change has already been made for all categories of intelligence except NIS; and that a hardship was thereby imposed on ID analysts, who have to work on all categories of intelligence. The consensus was that, if any way could be found to indicate the new name on material of NIS 29, this should be done. The Chairman undertook to see if some satisfactory solution might not be found. Note: The following solution has been arrived at and is being promulgated:

a. Since practically all of Chapter II of NIS 28 - 31 is in the hands of the printers, it is necessary that all of Chapter II with accompanying maps carry the old designation "Transjordan".

b. In all contributions to NIS 29, except Chapter II, the designation "Jordan" will be used. This includes the base map and other maps for NIS 29.

c. Contributors will incorporate this change in all new material, including graphics, transmitted to G/Ba.

3. The Chairman presented a proposal for a procedure for release of NIS to non-IAC Agencies of the U.S. Government. This procedure is based on the general policy, as set forth in the minutes of NIS Committee

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of the US Government
Meeting No. 15 held on 9 December 1948, for dissemination of NIS to non-IAC Agencies. The procedure is as follows:

"a. The Intelligence Agencies may indicate on their NIS contributions those elements which are not releasable to non-IAC Agencies without official clearance by the contributing agency in each instance. It will be understood that all other contributions are releasable to non-IAC Agencies on a 'need to know' basis.

"b. CIA will disseminate releasable NIS material to non-IAC Agencies when they have valid requirements for such material. Actual transmittal will be made through established CIA liaison channels. This procedure ensures that NIS material will be made available only to specified key personnel whose official duties require such knowledge, and that the security classification of the NIS material will be respected and maintained."

The members are to examine this proposed procedure in their Agencies and be prepared to discuss it again at the next meeting. Likewise, the State, Navy, and Air Force members are to report at the earliest practicable date whether any of the NIS material already submitted to G/Ba is non-releasable to non-IAC Agencies and specifically to the Department of Commerce, which is to receive Chapters III, IV, VI, and IX.

4. Copies of a proposed opening statement for Departmental Standard Operating Procedures were distributed to the members. This statement sets forth basic considerations affecting the NIS Program which might not be well known to those not thoroughly familiar with the Program.

5. The Navy member reported that his Agency is still reviewing its requirements for TOP SECRET.

6. Navy and Air Force are to examine Army's list (already submitted to G/Ba) of specific NIS which are to be completely withheld [REDACTED] and submit similar lists of their own by the next meeting. State's situation being different from that of the Armed Forces Agencies, State will independently submit a similar list. [For discussion of this matter refer to paragraph 6, NIS Committee Meeting No. 37.]

7. The Chairman reported progress to date in negotiations with the Munitions Board Petroleum Committee regarding the assumption by this agency of responsibility for preparation of NIS Subsection 62C (Petroleum) and NIS Supplement No. V (Petroleum). Meetings with representatives of the Committee were held by the Chairman, NIS Committee, on 23 and 29 August 1949. At the first of these meetings the general problem was explored and the Committee representatives were given a copy of NIS

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Standard Instructions and a copy of petroleum intelligence requirements as developed by the NIS Petroleum Subcommittee. The Petroleum Committee representatives were to examine NIS requirements in general and petroleum intelligence requirements thereof in particular and then return for further discussions. They indicated that the Petroleum Committee is, in general, favorably disposed toward the proposed assignment. The NIS coordinator told them that the question of funds could not be brought up until an agreement regarding production had been reached, when the Executive Secretary of the Petroleum Committee might present this matter to the Director of Central Intelligence through the Chairman, Munitions Board. At the second meeting, the following points were brought out:

a. Some of the petroleum intelligence requirements duplicate those of other parts of NIS, especially Chapter III (Transportation and Telecommunications).

b. The Petroleum Committee staff needed to carry out NIS production would be in addition to the present staff. Guidance was sought as to the number and grades of personnel needed. The NIS coordinator told him that the Bureau of Mines is now using approximately ten (10) persons to prepare Subsections 62C at the rate of fifteen (15) per year; that the NIS Committee would attempt to give him some additional guidance, if found practicable; but that the final determination of numbers and grades of personnel required is the responsibility of the Petroleum Committee.

c. The NIS coordinator told the Petroleum Committee representatives that the NIS Committee would determine the quantitative requirements for Subsections 62C and Petroleum Supplements.

d. The NIS coordinator again declined to discuss funds at this time.

e. In order that the Petroleum Committee may be fully informed regarding intelligence requirements of NIS, a meeting of the Petroleum Committee representatives with the NIS Petroleum Subcommittee was proposed.

f. In response to an inquiry as to when the Petroleum Committee would be required to assume production responsibilities, the NIS coordinator said that many problems would have to be solved before this date could be accurately determined but indicated in a very general way that it might be about the beginning of FY 1951.

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Relative to pertinent matters discussed above, the consensus of the Committee was as follows:

a. The rate of production of Subsections 62C naturally follows that for the production of Chapters VI; viz., fifteen (15) per year at present.

b. The rate of production of Petroleum Supplements need not follow that of Subsections 62C. This would imply that a relatively low rate may well be adopted until the production staff is built up and its capabilities are known and that in no event is it necessary to build up during the first year a staff capable of producing fifteen (15) Supplements.

c. A meeting of the NIS Petroleum Subcommittee should be called within one week to accomplish the following:

(1) Discuss substantive matters with the Petroleum Committee representatives.

(2) Determine a list of countries which will require Petroleum Supplements and forward this list to the NIS Committee, which will determine the rate of production.

(3) Determine a system of cross references between the Petroleum Supplement and other parts of the NIS (most notably Chapter III) so that appropriate aspects may be discussed in each place and duplication may be avoided. These cross references to be indicated to the Petroleum Committee representatives.

d. Since the Petroleum Committee will have to build up and indoctrinate a staff, assemble data, and effect liaison with industry before it can produce properly, the beginning of FY 1951 is an appropriate target date for the Committee to take over from the Bureau of Mines.

8. It was stated that it has come to the attention of G/Ba that use of material on Meteorological Facilities and Weather Forecasts to form the "General" Subsection (23A) of the section on Weather and Climate (23) is unsatisfactory for the following reasons:

a. The purpose of the "General" subsection is to permit the writer to approach his subject in an appropriate manner. Use of material on Meteorological Facilities and Weather Forecasts of a country to approach a main discussion of the actual Weather and Climate of the country disconcerts the reader rather than leads him logically to the subject.

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b. The "General" subsection does not permit adequate treatment of so important a subject as Meteorological Facilities and Weather Forecasts.

Discussion of the matter brought out the following additional points:

a. While Meteorological Facilities and Weather Forecasts may not be, strictly speaking, an integral part of military geography, it is generally related to the subject of Weather and Climate. Further, Meteorological Facilities and Weather Forecasts does not lend itself to treatment in any other section or chapter nor is it a sufficiently broad subject to warrant treatment in a separate chapter, supplement, or annex. Therefore, Meteorological Facilities and Weather Forecasts should be retained in Section 23 (Weather and Climate) but not in the "General" subsection.

b. For large countries (e.g., USSR, China) which have their Military Geography chapters broken into Parts, it is still logical to treat Meteorological Facilities and Weather Forecasts of the country as a whole and not to have segmented treatment of the subject in the several Parts of the chapter.

The following proposals were made:

a. Retain Meteorological Facilities and Weather Forecasts in Section 23 (Weather and Climate) but as a separate subsection (23D, just preceding COMMENTS ON PRINCIPAL SOURCES, which would become 23E) and leave 23A for a general approach to the subject of Weather and Climate.

b. In all NIS, regardless of the size of the country, treat the Meteorological Facilities and Weather Forecasts of the country as a whole.

c. In NIS whose Chapters II (Military Geography) are broken into several Parts, include the complete 23D (Meteorological Facilities and Weather Forecasts) in Part I (i.e., first Part to be published) only. Subsections 23D in other Parts will contain a cross reference to 23D, Part I.

d. Should there be aspects of Meteorological Facilities and Weather Forecasts which are peculiar to the geographic area being treated in a Part other than Part I, 23D of that Part should include treatment of those aspects.

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The members are to examine these proposals in their Agencies and be prepared for further discussion thereof at the next meeting.

9. Agencies are to have subcommittees to review, and recommend revision of, the outlines and outline guides of Chapters II - VI and VIII - IX and Supplements I - III of Standard Instructions for National Intelligence Surveys appointed and briefed by 1 October 1949. No committee will be appointed for Chapter VII (Scientific) until new procedures for dealing with this chapter have been approved.

10. The next meeting was scheduled for 1000 hours, Tuesday, 13 September 1949, at CIA.

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